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1. British oppose taking Berlin case off SC agenda--US Representative Ross at the UN transmits a British memorandum which opposes withdrawal of the Berlin question from the Security Council agenda at this time and expresses the view that the western powers are under no formal obligation to take such a step. According to the memorandum, the UK Government believes it is too early to assume that the western powers will have no further trouble over Berlin. The British believe that Soviet intentions to force the western allies out of Berlin remain as firm as ever, notwithstanding the present friendly attitude of Soviet authorities there, and suggest that withdrawal of the case would imply western satisfaction with the present state of affairs in Berlin.

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